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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 5, line 25, through Page 7, line 17, please amend this paragraph as follows:

With reference to FIG. 1, there is shown a housing and a flat panel display of the present invention. In the present embodiment, the flat panel display is a combination of a backlight module and a liquid crystal display panel. The backlight module 300 in the present invention includes a light guide, a light source (e.g. CCFL), diffuser sheets and prism sheets. The housing 100 of the present embodiment includes a front frame 110, a bottom frame 140, two side frames 130 and two stopping frames 150 and 160. One of the stopping frames 160 is a reflector of light for reflecting the light into the lightguide of the backlight module 300. The front frame 110 is a frame with a central or lateral opening 142. In the present embodiment, the central or lateral opening 142 is in a rectangle shape. The inner edge of the front frame 110 defines an active area 120 of the flat panel display 200 (i.e. liquid crystal display panel) for displaying words, pictures and images after assembling is achieved. The side frame 130 used in the present embodiment is a frame with long blade. The side frame 130 is arranged on and protruded from the surface of the front frame 110 to provide the height for the space surrounded by these frames. The bottom frame 140 is used for locating the liquid crystal display panel 200 and the backlight module 300. The distance between these two side frames is about the width of the combination of the liquid crystal display panel 200 and the backlight module 300. In most cases, either front frames 110 or bottom frames 140 are integrated with side frames 130 as they are manufactured. In other words, the side frames 130 are formed on the front frames 110 or bottom frames 140 when either front frames 110 or bottom frames 140 are manufactured (e.g. through inject molding). On the other hand, there are two stopping frames 150 and 160 to close the space formed by the front frame 110, the side frames 130 and the bottom frame 140. One of the

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stopping frames 160 having a reflecting surface for light in the inner surface of the stopping frame 160 to act as a light reflector for the CCFL (cold cathode fluorescent light) light of the backlight module 300. On each stopping frame 150 and 160 or each side frame 130, at least two binding units integrated with the stopping frame 150 or the side frame 130 can be found. The binding units are used to combine and fasten the stopping frames 150 and 160 with the side frames 130, the front frame 110 or the bottom frame 140. Furthermore, the stopping frame 150 is also used to prevent the liquid crystal display panel 200 and the backlight module 300 from releasing out of the space formed by these frames (e.g. the front frame 110, the bottom frame 140 and the side frames 130). In the present embodiment, the binding units are hooks. The frames (e.g. the front frame 110, the bottom frame 140 and the side frames 130) of the embodiment here are made of plastics. The plastic frames makes the weight of the housing of the present embodiment much more lighter.